Shortage of drinking water in Mayur Vihar

150. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in Pocket-A, Mayur Vihar, Phase-II, while other pockets are provided with surplus water resulting in leakage of water from the overhead tanks;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no specified time for releasing water to Pocket-A and it is supplied at the will and pleasure of Executive Engineer concerned; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to stop erratic water supply in the area and ensure even distribution so that the residents of Pocket-A are not subjected to undue harassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Delhi Jal Board has reported that there is shortage of water in some flats of Pocket 'A' in Mayur Vihar Phase II which are at the tail end of the distribution system. However, no excess water is being supplied to other pockets of the colony.

(b) The timing for supply of water from the booster pumping station to this area have been fixed as 6.00 A.M. to 7.30 A.M. in the morning and between 10.30 P.M. to 12.00 in the night.

(c) Steps have been taken to install one tubewell in Pocket 'A' Mayur Vihar Phase II to improve the water supply there. Further improvement in water supply is expected on commissioning of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant.

Policy for closing down the polluting domestic earthen pot making units

151. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy for closing down the domestic earthen pot making units which are causing air pollution to a great extent in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the residents of Prajapat Colony, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi are facing a lot of problem due to air pollution arising out of smoke from these units; and

(d) if so, the action Government are proposing to take for closing down these units so as to enable the residents of that colony to breathe in smokeless air?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) As per Master Plan of Delhi 2021, the Village Pottery Industry (without bhatti) is allowed in residential rural areas. The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that it has not formulated any specific policy for closing down/relocating the domestic earthen pot making units.

(c) and (d) The Government of N.C.T. of Delhi has reported that no such complaint has been received by them from the residents of Prajapat Colony, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi.

Violation of building by-laws in South Extension-I on Rajeshwar Arya Marg

152. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently multi-storeyed buildings have been constructed by the owners with the connivance of builders, architects and MCD Staff in the residential area of E-Block in South Extension Part-I on Rajeshwar Arya Marg;

(b) if so, whether the basements constructed in these buildings are in violation of building bye-laws and norms;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that the use of basements in residential areas for offices and showrooms is strictly prohibited as per Delhi Municipal Act, 1957 (Amended 1993); and

(d) if so, the steps taken to seal these buildings or demolish them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) Information in this regard is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.